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THIS Day the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London waited on His Majeſty, to congratulate Him on his ſafe Arrival, being introduced by his Grace the Duke of Grafton, Lord Chamberlain of His Majeſty's Houſhold; and Mr. Baron Thomſon, their Recorder, made their Compliments in the following Speech.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

THE Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London moſt humbly entreat your Majeſty's Permiſſion to congratulate your Majeſty on your ſafe Return to Great Britain.

Your Preſence, Sir, diſpels all thoſe Anxieties and Fears for your Welfare which your Abſence occaſioned; your People are animated with freſh Joy to find themſelves again under your Majeſty's immediate Influence and Protection; and nothing could have alleviated the Want of that Bleſſing, but the mild and prudent Adminiſtration of your Majeſty's Royal Conſort.

Theſe your Majeſty's moſt faithful and dutiful Subjects, being ſenſible of their Happineſs in the full Enjoyment of all their Liberties, Rights and Privileges, during the whole Courſe of your Majeſty's Reign, and having a firm Reliance on your Majeſty's Vigilance and Care for their future Welfare and Proſperity, beg Leave to tender their grateful Acknowledgements, and to aſſure your Majeſty of their moſt affectionate Zeal for the Support of your Royal Perſon and Government upon all Occaſions.

To which His Majeſty was pleaſed to return this moſt gracious Anſwer.

I Thank you for this freſh Inſtance of your Duty and Affection to my Perſon and Government. You may depend upon the Continuance of my Care to preſerve the Peace and Tranquility, and to promote the Trade and Welfare, of this great and flouriſhing City.

They all had the Honour to kiſs his Majeſty's Hand; and his Majeſty was pleaſed to confer the Honour of Knighthood on George Champion and John Lequeſne, Aldermen; and on William Rous and Benjamin Rawlins, the two Sheriffs.

They were afterwards introduced to Her Majeſty by the Right Hoourable the Earl of Grantham, her Majeſty's Lord Chamberlain; and Mr. Baron Thomſon made their Compliments to her Majeſty as followeth.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

THE Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London humbly beg Leave to congratulate your Majeſty on the King's ſafe Arrival.

'Tis with grateful Hearts that theſe his Majeſty's moſt faithful Subjects preſume to offer their humble Acknowledgements to your Majeſty, for your juſt and prudent Adminiſtration during his Majeſty's Abſence.

To your Wiſdom and Conduct, Madam, we owe the allaying all Diſcontents, and the ſuppreſſing all publick Diſorders. And whatever Diviſions may happen, the People ſtill univerſally confeſs your Majeſty's Goodneſs, your Piety, and all thoſe Virtues, which make your Royal Example a Pattern to this Age, and muſt have a happy Influence for the Benefit of Poſterity.

To which Her Majeſty was pleaſed to return a moſt gracious Anſwer; and they all had the Honour to kiſs her Majeſty's Hand.

Hague, Jan. 22, *N. S.* The States of Holland ſeparated on Saturday laſt, having appointed their next Meeting to be on the 11th of next Month. Preparations are making for the Prince and Princeſs of Orange's ſetting out next Week for Leeuwarden: Several Perſons of their Court will be going thither ſome Days before them.

Whitehall,